

## WORSHIP SERVICE

August 16, 2026

### WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

\* God's Greeting

\* We Greet One Another

\* Call to Worship: Revelation 19: 6-7

*Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude,  
Like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder,  
crying out*

**"Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.**

*Let us rejoice and exalt and give him the glory."*

\* Opening Song: "He Is Exalted" *Sing! A New Creation #41*

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high. I will praise Him.

He is exalted, forever exalted, and I will praise his name!

He is the Lord, forever his truth shall reign;

Heaven and earth rejoice in his holy name.

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\* Opening Prayer

\* Song: "How Great Is Our God" *Lift Up Your Hearts #574*

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty

Let all the earth rejoice, Let all the earth rejoice

He wraps himself in light, and darkness tries to hide

And trembles at His voice, And trembles at His voice

How great is our God, sing with me  
How great is our God, and all will see  
How great, how great is our God  
From age to age He stands, And time is in His hands  
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end  
The godhead three in one  
Father, Spirit, Son  
The lion and the lamb, The lion and the lamb  
How great is our God, sing with me  
How great is our God, and all will see  
How great, how great is our God  
Name above all names, Worthy of our praise  
My heart will sing, How great is our God

## **WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD**

God's Will for His Redeemed People: Psalm 103:10-14

*He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.*

**For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;**

**As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.**

*As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.*

*For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.*

Song of Entrusting: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" *Lift Up Your Hearts #348*

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou forever wilt be. Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and spring-time and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by

morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide, strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow – blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Children's Message

Highlights from Midwest BASIC Bible Camp

Congregational Prayer

## **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

Scripture Reading: Genesis 1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup> Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

<sup>3</sup> And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. <sup>4</sup> God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup> God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

<sup>6</sup> And God said, "Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water." <sup>7</sup> So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so. <sup>8</sup> God called the vault "sky." And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.

<sup>9</sup> And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear." And it was so. <sup>10</sup> God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas." And God saw that it was good.

<sup>11</sup> Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so. <sup>12</sup> The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup> And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day.

<sup>14</sup> And God said, “Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, <sup>15</sup> and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth.” And it was so. <sup>16</sup> God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. <sup>17</sup> God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, <sup>18</sup> to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup> And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup> And God said, “Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky.” <sup>21</sup> So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup> God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth.” <sup>23</sup> And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup> And God said, “Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind.” And it was so. <sup>25</sup> God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

<sup>27</sup> So God created mankind in his own image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup> God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

<sup>29</sup> Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. <sup>30</sup> And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so.

<sup>31</sup> God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day

Message: “In The Beginning”

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

Prayer of Application

\* Song of Response: “All Things Bright and Beautiful”     *Lift Up Your Hearts #20*

Refrain:

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colors, God made their tiny wings.

[Refrain]

The purple-headed mountain, the river running by,  
the sunset and the morning that brightens up the sky.

[Refrain]

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruits in the garden: He made them every one.

[Refrain]

God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell  
how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.

[Refrain]

## **WE DEPART TO SERVE**

\* Blessing

\* Closing Song: “Rejoice, You Righteous, in the Lord”     *Lift Up Your Hearts #22*

Rejoice you righteous in the Lord In song your voices raise  
Awake the psaltery and harp Lift up God’s name in praise

For by God's word the heavens were hung  
God laid the sea and land  
And all that fills the firmament  
Were made at God's command  
Let every nation every land  
Unite with one accord  
And humbly lay their heartfelt prayers  
In awe before the Lord  
How happy are God's faithful ones  
How blest God's chosen heirs  
For surely an inheritance  
Of glory shall be theirs  
Behold God's ever-watchful eye  
Sees through our dark despair  
The arms of grace encircle us  
With strong yet tender care  
The hope of all the ages past  
That sets at peace our fears  
God's mercy and God's steadfast love  
Shall follow all our years

Postlude

\*Please stand

Children's Message: Laura Hufford

Message: Rev. Wendell Davelaar

Musicians: Char Verkade, Natalie De Bruin, Rex De Bruin

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#### **Small Groups, Committees, & Sunday School Updates**

**Sunday School Classes** will begin on September 13, meeting weekly at 10:50 am.

**Children and Worship** will begin on September 13, meeting during the service, after the children's message.

**Roots Youth Group** meets weekly on Wednesdays, 7-8:30 pm. They will kick off the new year with a bonfire gathering on September 2 at 7:00 pm.

**Young Adult Ministry** meets on Fridays and Sundays throughout the year.

Contact Derek Ten Pas to get connected.

**Breakfast Club** meets on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays at the Lincoln Center Hy-Vee at 8:30 am. Contact Mary Kuyper for details.

**UFO** meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month. Contact Kelly Hobson for details.

**Women's Bible Study** is on break for the summer and will resume in the fall.

**Pub Theology** meets the last Sunday of the month at The Mucky Duck; next meeting is August 30 at 7:00 pm.

**Hymn Sing** is on break for the summer and will resume in the fall.

**Regular Council Meeting:** September 9 at 6:30 pm.

#### **TCRC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**This week, we welcome Rev. Wendell Davelaar** brings a message from Genesis 1, where we reflect on the God who created the heavens and earth and called His creation good.

**The special offering this week is for God's Mercy to Haiti**, a teaching and mercy ministry to the impoverished Haitian village of Kilbitè. They live without electricity or running water. Their warm hearts, eager minds, and resourceful efforts make them a delight to love and serve. Learn more at [godsmercytohaiti.org](http://godsmercytohaiti.org).

**On August 23, there will be a special offering taken for *The Banner*.** As a print and online publication of the Christian Reformed Church, *The Banner* provides denominational news, biblical reflection, and stories of God's work in the church and the world. TCRC member Rev. Lora Copley serves as its editor-in-chief.

**Education Committee: Sunday School Teachers Needed.** The Sunday School program is seeking caring volunteers to help with upcoming semesters. We're looking for teachers and assistant teachers for: Middle School (ages 12-14) and High School (ages 15-18). Curriculum, training, and support can be provided. Do you have a willingness to share God's Word with our youth and adults? If you feel called to serve in this ministry, please speak with Christopher 't or contact the church office at [office@amestrinity.org](mailto:office@amestrinity.org). Many hands make light work, prayerfully consider how you might help shape the next generation of believers.

**Pastor SJ Kim will be leading the first monthly in-person worship service for Church Beyond Borders** on Sunday, August 16 at 2:00 pm. We pray that this church will continue to grow under Pastor SJ's leadership.

**TCRC's Annual Welcome Lunch** will be held on August 23, after worship. We will gather for food and fellowship as we look toward the start of a new school year. Brisket sandwiches, chips, vegetarian beans, and drinks will be provided by the Fellowship Committee. Please bring along something to share—last names A-I: desserts, J-S: salads, T-Z: sides.

**Another year of Roots is right around the corner!** If you have a child in 6th-12th grade, they're welcome to join us on Wednesday evenings at 7pm at church throughout the school year. On Wednesday, September 2, we will kick off the year with a bonfire and snacks! We hope you can join us!

**Save the Date for Trinity's Fall Festival** on Friday, October 23, 3:30-6:30 pm. We are trading in the trunks for a new experience with games booths and prizes. We will be looking for creative game ideas and plenty of volunteers to help us welcome the community to this free family event. Mark it on your calendar and get those creative ideas flowing. Questions? Talk to Mindy Nikkel.

**The 30th Annual Senior Variety Show, "STARSTRUCK- Stage & Screen"** will be presented at the Ames City Auditorium on Friday, August 14 at 7:00 pm, and Saturday, August 15 at 2:00 pm. Over 90 talented Story County seniors will showcase songs, dances, and humor as they celebrate aging in style! The net proceeds will benefit the following senior programs: American Legion, Chapter #37, Ames Ecumenical Housing, Inc., Ames Warming Place, Golden K Singers, Heart of Iowa Band, Homeless Outreach and Support Team (HOST) and Widow/Widower

Group. Tickets: \$10 (or \$12 at the door) are now on sale at Worldly Goods, 223 Main St., Ames, and other county-wide locations. Information: 515-337-1713, SeniorVarietyShow.org.

**The Ames Christian School begins classes on August 25.** Starting Aug 17, the middle school teachers and staff will be in the building getting ready for the new school year.

**If you or your family** have a situation that requires prayer and/or pastoral care, please contact one of the elders. The elders will help in directing you to the appropriate care needed.

**Several homeless items have been collected** from around the building and are now displayed on a table in the fellowship hall. It is likely that most were left by school students. Please look them over and claim any that belong to you before they are passed on to the school for sorting. Thanks!

**Please remember to keep the doors to the sanctuary closed** during the week so the Roomba stays contained inside and can do its job rather than adventuring to unfamiliar locations where it gets lost and needs to be rescued.

**Let's stay connected!** Would you like to be included in our (printed) church directory or receive church emails? We'd love to help you stay connected with what's happening at Trinity and make it easier for others to connect with you, too. Sharing your contact information is optional, but being included in the directory and email list is a great way to stay informed about church news, events, and the occasional reminder. If you'd like to be added—or need to update your information—please contact the church office ([office@amestrinity.org](mailto:office@amestrinity.org)).

**If you or your group will be using the church building** for anything, please let Tina in the office know so we can keep an accurate facility calendar. Thank you!

**Please submit announcements** to the church office by 10:30 am on Thursdays to be included in the announcements for the week. If you leave a written message in the office, please include your name in case a follow-up is necessary. Thank you!

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## DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ReFrame Ministries

**Kids Corner Devotions** - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "A New School Year: God's Power Of Love In You!" at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). School is back, and that means new adventures, new challenges, and lots of chances to grow! Even in frustrating moments, you can choose kindness, patience, and love. Remember, you're never on your own, and you can make a big difference in your school every single day! Check out the new Kids Corner Devotions app at <https://kidscorner.net/app>

**Groundwork: Hear God's Voice: A Warning Against Unbelief** - When we feel weary and under pressure, the author of Hebrews urges us to hear God's voice and resist the temptation to drift away from our faith. Join Groundwork as we study Hebrews 3-4:13 to discover how history and community can help us hear God's voice, keep us securely anchored in our faith when

we're tempted to drift, and find God's promised Sabbath rest. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

### Thrive

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - Jesus learned from the mistakes of God's people. He copied the playbook on radical curiosity from the Father. And instead of coming in like a superhero, Jesus entered into humanity by wrapping himself in human flesh and moving "into the neighborhood" (John 1:14, The Message). As you reflect on the humble way Jesus came into the world, think about someone you might normally avoid or people who are excluded in your community. How can you show the love of Christ to those people this week? Brought to you by Thrive: [crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive)

### World Renew

**2026 Cambodia Discovery Tour** - World Renew invites you on a journey to explore Cambodia! Grow in your understanding of World Renew's work from communities already leading change, while experiencing the history, traditions, and culture of Cambodia. Join us from November 6-16, 2026 and come discover what God is doing in Cambodia. Registration is limited. For more information and to register, visit: <https://bit.ly/cambodia2026info>

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### VOLUNTEERS

Sound: Bryan Van Belle  
Greeter: Copley  
Nursery: Lyndee and Kenzie  
Children's Message: Laura Hufford  
Congregational Prayer: Paul Kleinwolterink

#### **Sound Tech**

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| Aug 16 | Bryan Van Belle | Sep 13 | Bryan Van Belle |
| Aug 23 | Rex De Bruin    | Sep 20 | Rex De Bruin    |
| Aug 30 | Rob Barnes      | Sep 27 | Rob Barnes      |
| Sep 6  | Tom Whitney     |        |                 |

#### **Greeters**

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| Aug 16 | Copley  | Sep 13 | Friend       |
| Aug 23 | Hobson  | Sep 20 | Irvin        |
| Aug 30 | Hubert  | Sep 27 | Nancy Klemme |
| Sep 6  | Hufford |        |              |

#### **Nursery**

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|--------|----------------------|--------|---------------------|
| Aug 16 | Lyndee and Kenzie    | Sep 6  | Jessica and Brianna |
| Aug 23 | Rachel and Sue       | Sep 13 | Donna and Natalie   |
| Aug 30 | Melody and Elizabeth | Sep 20 | Sue and Kathlyn     |

Sep 27 Mindy and Alisabeth

### **Children's Message**

Aug 16 Laura Hufford

Aug 23 Lora Copley

Aug 30 Rev. Davelaar

Sep 6 Rex De Bruin

Sep 13 Derek Ten Pas

Sep 20 Rob Barnes

Sep 27 Laura Hufford

### **Congregational Prayer**

Aug 16 Paul Kleinwolterink

Aug 23 Tom Niehof

Aug 30 Mark Voss

Sep 6 Rex De Bruin

Sep 13 Joel Copley

Sep 20 Melody Franje

Sep 27 Lora Copley

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L-S = Mark Irvin; T-Z = Brian Sterenberg

**Deacons:** A-G = Derek Ten Pas; H-K = Mindy Nikkel;

L-S = Mark Voss; T-Z = Laura Hufford

**Committee Chairs:** Building & Grounds – Jim Bergman; Education – Christopher 't Hoen;

Endowment – Paul Kleinwolterink; Fellowship – Sue Fee; Outreach and Enfoldng – Mindy Nikkel; Search – Jeff Kopaska; Technology – Rex De Bruin; Worship – Laura Hufford